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FRONT COVER: Wahr Hall's demolition in June dramatically demonstrated the transformation taking place in the Indiana campus's residential community. Photograph by Keith Boyer.

BACK COVER: Building a pyramid in the sand at their annual "Girls Weekend" in Ocean City, Md., are (top row) Marsha Marushak Tucker '87, Jill Swavely '88; (bottom row) Donita Burns Calef '88, friend Sue Popp, and Pam Lundberg Osman '88. For individual details, please see Class Notes.

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The ceremonial groundbreaking for the Residential Revival in May had barely concluded before the actual groundbreaking started. As foundation, university, and government dignitaries walked away from a tent set up outside Wahr Hall, a fence was going up around the entire demolition and construction site.

# FROM THE GROUND UP



● An updated version of project plans that appeared in the Spring issue of *IUP Magazine*. This is how the building closest to the corner of Pratt Drive and Grant Street will look. Pratt Drive is in the foreground; Grant Street is at right.

Within a fortnight, the steel sculpture *Transition* had itself been transitioned across Grant Street to a new location south of Clark Hall. Trees were felled along Grant Street, and the campus greenhouse, the Administrative Annex, and Wahr Hall sat, awaiting demolition. Phase I of the Residential Revival had begun.

By the opening of the Fall, 2007, semester, two new buildings will rise along Pratt Drive and along Grant Street, all the way from Pratt Drive to Eleventh Street. All told, more than seven hundred student residents will be accommodated, most in two- and four-person suites. Ground-floor areas will



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● Top: As demolition begins on the lobby area of Wahr Hall, Sutton Hall is visible at top left. Wallace Hall is at right behind the greenhouse, which would soon be demolished. Bottom: The view along Grant Street after tree removal. Wahr Hall is at left, Mack Hall at right.

● Top left. Demolition proceeds at the northeast corner of Wahr Hall—the section that faced Grant Street. To the left is the cinder block foundation of what had been—until a few days earlier—the Administrative Annex. Right: *Transition* lies outside Clark Hall, awaiting reinstallation. Sprowls Hall is behind trees in the background.

be given over to student services. The goal is to create an environment ideal for living and learning.

Meanwhile, at its May meeting, the Board of Directors of the Foundation for IUP approved moving forward with the Residential Revival's Phase II. This phase is scheduled to begin in Summer, 2007. Detailed plans will be featured in the Fall issue of *IUP Magazine*.

The Residential Revival is a collaboration of the Foundation for IUP and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. 🐼

## ELSEWHERE AT IUP

These are only a few of the many projects in progress:

▣ With completion of IUP at **Punxsutawney's** new classroom building, demolition is proceeding on the old building.

▣ Design of the **Regional Development Center and Sports Complex** along Wayne Avenue is underway, with construction tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2008. Closing on the Kovalchick property is forecast to occur late this fall.

▣ An addition to and renovation of **Fisher Auditorium** is expected to begin soon. Details of the project's goals were in the Summer, 2005, issue of *IUP Magazine*.

▣ Upgrades are being made to the **Sutton Hall** steps on the north and south sides of the building, to the **Stouffer Hall** front entrance and patio, and to the **Davis Hall** ramp that facilitates disability access to the building.



- At one time, "cottages" lined Grant Street across from Clark Hall. This section of the campus has been modified several times.



- When Wahr Hall, right, was new, the football field was only steps away. The houses at top are on Grant Street.

- Souvenir shovels were given to nearly a dozen participants in the Phase I groundbreaking. They included leaders from the university, Foundation for IUP, community, and region.





# THE TEAM TAKES THE FIELD

~\*~\*~\* Photography by Keith Boyer ~\*~\*~\*



● In observing her work as an interim vice president for Student Affairs and announcing her appointment on a permanent basis, President Tony Atwater said Rhonda Luckey “truly demonstrates a devotion and commitment to the university’s goal of maintaining and strengthening a student-centered learning community at IUP.” Some of Luckey’s happiest moments are when she’s with students, as she is in this photo in the Oak Grove.



In the Spring semester, President Tony Atwater completed formation of his vice-presidential team. CHERYL SAMUELS, who received a Ph.D. degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, is the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. ROBERT DAVIES, who earned a Ph.D. degree at the State University of New York at Buffalo, is the vice president for Institutional Advancement.

RHONDA LUCKEY assumed the vice presidency of Student Affairs, a post she had held on an interim basis for some time. Luckey received an Ed.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Finally, DAVID BURDETTE, who received an M.B.A. degree from SUNY Buffalo, signed on as vice president for Finance and Administration.

● In announcing Vice President David Burdette's appointment, President Tony Atwater noted that he "brings to IUP a wealth of experience in university budgeting, finance, and accounting. He also brings a depth of experience in all areas of the Administration and Finance Division. I have full confidence in his abilities to protect and enhance the university's financial and physical assets." Among those physical assets is the S.W. Jack Cogeneration Facility, which uses natural gas to produce electricity, steam, and hot water for the campus's needs.





● As provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, Cheryl Samuels is the chief academic officer of the university and serves as acting president in the absence of the president. The IUP Libraries are part of her responsibility. President Tony Atwater has said of Samuels, "I am convinced that she shares my interest in maintaining and advancing the high academic standards that have contributed to the university's national reputation for teaching and scholarship."

● "Robert Davies brings to this administrative assignment a significant breadth in fundraising, alumni relations, major gift acquisitions, and marketing," President Tony Atwater said when Davies was hired. "He is also one of a very small number of university advancement officers in the United States who possess an earned doctoral degree in higher education administration." Alumni Relations, headquartered in Breezedale, is one of the areas for which Davies has responsibility.





## WHAT MAKES A GOOD VICE PRESIDENT?

❑ A successful vice president, DAVIES believes, "leaves his or her ego at the door. A sense of humor is absolutely essential in higher education. It's important to take your job seriously, but you can't take yourself too seriously."

❑ In SAMUELS'S opinion, a good provost for a university like IUP should have "an open mind, a world view, and the love of learning."

❑ LUCKEY thinks a vice president in her role must "be driven to serve the soul of the university—our students. [The vice president must] have the energy and passion to press for solutions and lead the university to real transformational change."

❑ BURDETTE believes vice presidents serve the president "by being a bridge to the staff we work with. We also help translate what we're hearing from our staff to help guide the president. We try to give him the best advice possible so that he can make the decisions he needs to make."



Samuels came to IUP from Texas Woman's University, where she served as provost and vice president of academic affairs. She looks forward to growth in IUP's academic mission. "IUP has a very dedicated faculty that has built very strong and well-respected programs at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels," she said. "I see continued strength at the undergraduate level and growth in graduate programs, both in student enrollment and in the development and offering of new programs, particularly at the doctoral level. In conjunction with this growth, I see faculty and students, at all levels, involved in more applied research and scholarship."

The university, Samuels said, "is uniquely positioned to build on its fine reputation as large enough to offer a full array of academic offerings in the arts and humanities, business, education, health, and social and physical sciences and yet focus on the success of each student. This focus is possible through small classes, faculty advisors, research and internship opportunities, and an inviting and active campus culture."

Davies previously held higher education positions in Idaho and Nevada and came to IUP from the University at Buffalo, where he was associate vice president in the Division of Alumni Relations and Development. IUP, he said, "is a diamond in the rough. The university has all the attributes for making a national impact. Part of bringing this about is developing a brand and a clear image. In essence, IUP is a national university waiting to happen."

Davies pointed to several areas that underscore IUP's position "on the pinnacle of success." The Regional Development Center and Sports Complex, he said, "will be the linchpin for other projects that will move the university and the region forward." Of the Residential Revival, he said, "The housing project collaboration between the Foundation for IUP and the university will provide a whole new exciting environment for students." He noted that "The leadership change that has taken place at the university—with the vice presidents' moving into

position literally within a month and a half of one another—makes for a dynamic and cohesive situation."

Luckey has been associated with IUP in various positions for nearly two decades. She sees 2006 as a particularly exciting time in the university's history. "IUP is at a moment of great change," she said. "While the external forces offer significant challenge, we have the necessary ingredients—vision, drive, passion, skill—to move IUP forward on multiple fronts."

Charged with oversight responsibility for the Admissions area, Luckey said, "Once we have an integrated marketing initiative, our outstanding academic programs will become more visible and highly sought after. We will become known as the university of choice in the region, state, and nationally, as well." She also believes that in the next decade, "IUP will make significant impact on the region's economic health through the RDC and the Murtha Institute for Homeland Security."

Burdette has nearly four decades of experience in higher education financial management at both the campus and system levels and came to IUP from Radford University in Virginia, where he was vice president for business and governmental affairs. He retired in 1996 from the Army National Guard with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

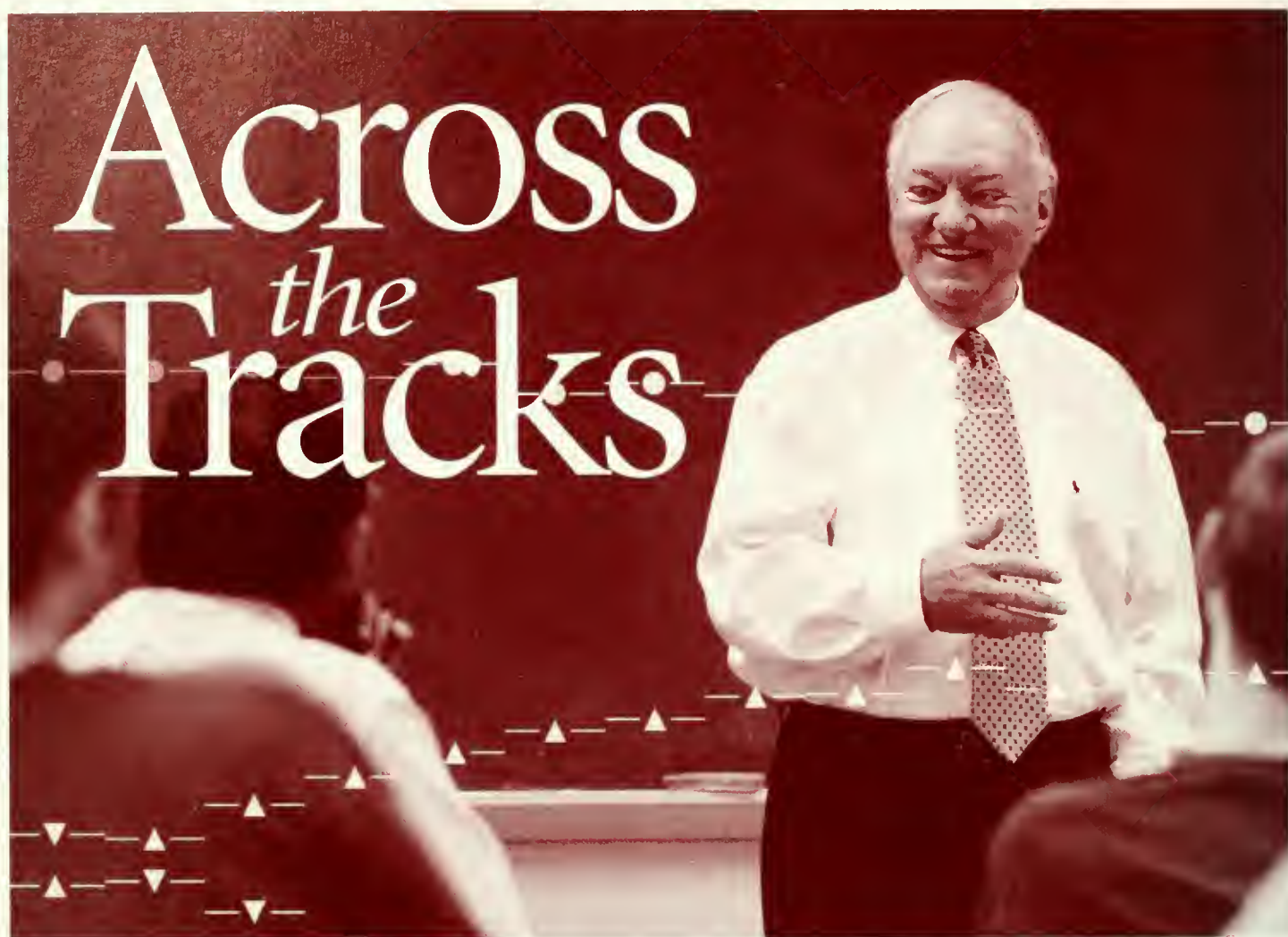
Burdette said he relishes the opportunity to work with a new president and with his fellow Senior Cabinet members. "Each of us," he said, "is coming from a different place with a different perspective."

He sees IUP as "ready to make a statement as a high-quality national research university while still maintaining the value of a teaching institution. We have a dedicated faculty and a terrific administrative and support staff. These people have helped to make IUP what it is. Now we need to make sure people understand where it is we're going."

More information about all the vice presidents is available in the online editions of *IUP Reporter*, located at [www.iup.edu/news/reporter](http://www.iup.edu/news/reporter). 🐼

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**H**arry Fair has lived in many parts of the U.S. and spent considerable time abroad. He has worked with world-renowned scientists and advised statesmen and military figures at the highest levels. ✱ His early forays into the world were much more confined. When Fair started school in the early forties, he didn't have far to go. He simply left 221 College Avenue, crossed the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks that ran in front of his house, and walked a few steps to the recently opened John A. H. Keith School on the Indiana State Teachers College campus. *By Karen Gresh*



**N**amed for his father, Fair had five older sisters. Everyone called him "Bud." For eleven years, from kindergarten to tenth grade, he was a student at Keith. By the time he left the school, his family had moved into the countryside. But after two years as a student at Indiana Joint High School (where he later did student teaching), Fair returned to the college campus as an undergraduate.

Initially, he majored in chemistry and mathematics. But then, the late Physics Department faculty member Daniel Reiber offered him a job as a lab assistant. Eventually, he says, he availed himself of virtually all the chemistry, math, and physics classes ISTC offered. And, his association with Reiber shaped his life.

"Dan Reiber and my dad were my heroes," he said. "They always will be. I had no one in the Army, no one in science. My father had a blacksmith business and sold farm equipment. Dan Reiber became my academic role model, and my dad was my 'life' model."

In the early fifties, freshman ROTC courses were mandatory for male students. Fair took courses all four years and, he said, "did well. The corps commander was working on me to make the Army my career."

Dan Reiber had other ideas. He took the ISTC upperclassman to the University of Delaware to visit his college roommate from Franklin and Marshall. "E. W. Van Name lived in a big Victorian house in Newark," Fair said, "and was chairman of the university's Physics Department."

Van Name invited Reiber and Fair to a colloquium led by Columbia physics professor Charles Townes. The subject was masers, precursors of lasers. Less than a decade later, Townes received the Nobel Prize for this work.

Delaware offered Fair a graduate fellowship for study after he received his ISTC degree in 1958. The graduate work "turned on a fire in me," Fair said. "I've been fascinated with physics ever since." His master's thesis explored nuclear magnetic resonance.

Like other American males of the fifties, Fair had a two-year military obligation to fulfill. (As things turned out, he would indeed spend two years in the Army, retiring with the rank of first lieutenant.) After a few weeks at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, the Army sent him to Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey. "I was in my early twenties," he said. "I was given a state-of-the-art nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer and a group of German chemists for mentors and colleagues. It was awesome!"

The Army hired him as a civilian and sent him back to Delaware to obtain a Ph.D. Now, there was a new Physics Department chairman—Ferd Williams, who brought with him a strong foundation in fundamental research from the General Electric Research Laboratory in Schenectady, N.Y.

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Fair's doctoral work was in solid-state physics, and when Fair went back to Picatinny, Williams signed on as a consultant, an arrangement that lasted decades. All told, Fair was associated for twenty years with the facility, from 1960 to 1981, building a solid-state physics group that expanded after Philadelphia's Frankford Arsenal closed in the mid-seventies. Group members held doctorates from schools like Princeton, New York University, and Lehigh.

In 1973, Fair received a Secretary of the Army Fellowship for research and study. First, he went to the University of Paris, where he worked with Minko Balkanski, a Bulgarian emigré who was, Fair said, "one of the most famous physicists in Paris. He received the Légion d'Honneur, and he also became a good friend."

In the second part of his fellowship, he studied in London with the recently knighted Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry, George Porter, director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain.

The R.I. dates from 1799 and bills itself as the oldest independent research body in the world. Even during Fair's time there, the R.I. bore the influences of the legendary Humphry Davy and Michael Faraday (whose father, Fair points out, was also a blacksmith).

In the basement of one of the R.I. buildings (this year closed for refurbishment) is the Faraday Museum. There, Fair said, a visitor can still see Faraday's experiments written in longhand. (Because Faraday was not schooled in mathematics, the experiments contained no equations. Faraday had, though, once been apprenticed as a bookbinder and so bound all his research notes in beautiful leather bindings.)

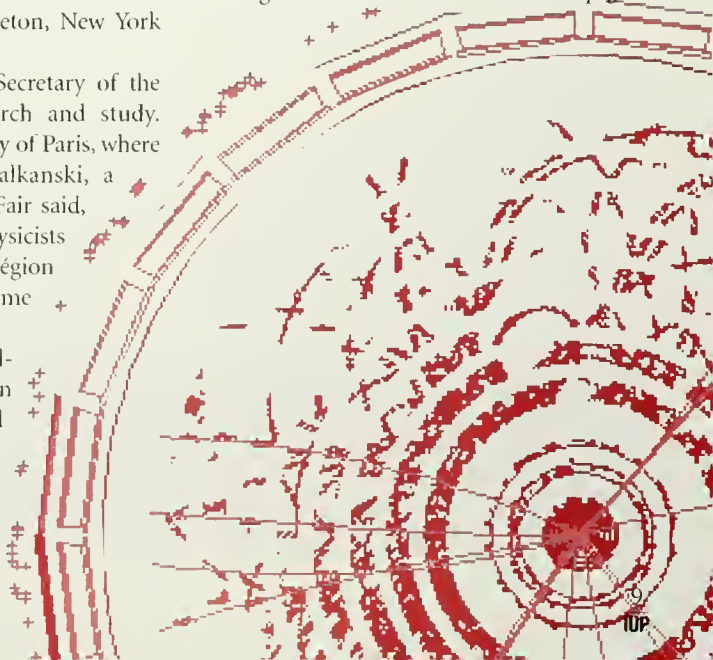
Each day at 4 p.m., Fair and his two fellow visiting researchers went from the Davy-Faraday Research Laboratory to the library for tea with Porter. One of the others on hand was Mary Archer, whom Fair describes as "a brilliant chemist." Archer's husband, politician and author Jeffrey Archer, happened to be writing his first best-seller, *Kane and Abel*, at the time.

Fair loved the history and the small-group interaction afforded by the big, old houses of the R.I., a scant two blocks from Piccadilly Circus. "The same furniture was in the dining rooms as when the Faradays had eaten there," he said.

Upon returning to the U.S., Fair accepted a project at Picatinny to develop new propellants for artillery. A few years later, he was asked to give a talk before a high-level audience on what he described as "the next generation of propellants."

"They shouldn't be chemicals," he theorized. "They should be electrons." The Secretary of Defense, who was among the

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## IUP

## LIFESTYLES

## NAILING THE NICKNAME

By Bob Fulton

BARELY FIVE MONTHS on the job and already Robert Davies is consumed by controversy.

Blame the Indians. The nickname, not America's indigenous peoples.

The NCAA, which is bent on ridding the collegiate landscape of Native American nicknames and imagery it deems "hostile or abusive," denied IUP's second and final appeal to keep its nickname on April 28.

President Tony Atwater responded by empowering Davies—the newly appointed vice president for Institutional Advancement—to investigate the university's next course of action. The question hovering like storm clouds over campus is: Do the university's athletic teams continue as the Indians under threat of NCAA sanctions, or does IUP eliminate a nickname that dates to when the Charleston was in vogue?

"This will be one of the most contentious debates this university has had," Davies said. "When this [NCAA] ruling came out, I received e-mails and phone calls from individuals saying, 'It's about time you change your name and take a stance for what is right.' At the same time, I received e-mails and phone calls from others, saying, 'Don't you ever change the name. Take it on with the NCAA.' There is no answer that will win 100 percent support; there's no magic bullet that will appease everybody. In researching this situation, what is perfectly clear is you're not going to make everyone happy. I go to bed every night knowing that."

IUP exhausted every available option with the NCAA after the organization placed the university—along with eighteen other schools—on its "hit list" last summer for using Native American nicknames or symbols (IUP eliminated all Indian imagery in 1991). Not

even the argument that the name Indiana literally means "land of the Indians" swayed the members of the NCAA Executive Committee.

So, what now? Atwater stated at a press conference that the administration will not punt on this issue. Sticking with the football analogy, he has handed the ball to Davies.

"We are employing an advisory team

do we change the nickname?" Davies said. "This process will provide recommendations, guidance, and advice to Dr. Atwater, who will make the final call in consultation with the Council of Trustees. Assuming that the answer is yes, we do change our nickname, then we'll go through an exhaustive process of selecting a new nickname and possibly a mascot that is representative of IUP and the region, one that everyone will be proud to support."

Members of the IUP community doubtless numbering in the thousands ardently support the current nickname. Davies understands their attachment to "Indians." What he wants them to understand are the repercussions should the university disregard the NCAA's directive.

"The consequences are nothing to shake a finger at," Davies said.

Just imagine the embarrassment were IUP's athletic teams forced to cover offending symbols on their uniforms with duct tape. While a far-fetched scenario, it's just one of the possibilities raised by Davies.

For example, IUP would not be permitted to host NCAA postseason events. That penalty would not only impact student-athletes but would likely influence potential ones, as well.

Blue-chip recruits might consider the ban a deal breaker and enroll elsewhere. The absence of postseason home events might also have a deleterious effect on the local economy. Fans who once attended those events—and spent their dollars at local restaurants and hotels—would no longer be coming to Indiana.

Then there's the uniform issue, in which athletes could wind up getting more than their ankles taped before games.

"While we would not be banned from postseason play, we would not be able to wear any uniforms that had any markings with Native



Uniforms like this one worn by softball player Julie Huebner in 2004 may be problematic in the future.

approach that will be very inclusive of the university community, representing the students, the alumni, the faculty, administrators, and staff members, to answer that question: Do we keep the nickname and face the sanctions, or

### Weigh In on the Mascot/Nickname Issue

Readers are encouraged to stay abreast of developments associated with the mascot and nickname. Please visit [www.iup.edu/mascot](http://www.iup.edu/mascot).

Alumni are invited to participate in polls. Participants are required to log in using the identification number that appears on the back cover of IUP Magazine. The number begins with the @ symbol. All polls are anonymous and require log-in only for the sake of avoiding duplication.

Alumni may also call 1-800-YES2IUP.



American symbolism on them," Davies said. "We'd have to cover up anything that represents Indians. Our logo for athletics, even though it does not have a direct Indian symbolism, if you look at it very carefully there are Indian connotations. And that might mean we'll have to cover parts of our uniform. So maybe our student-athletes would be playing with duct tape across their chests."

The NCAA might also discourage member schools from scheduling IUP—a real headache, should the university take steps toward elevating its athletic program to Division I. Finally, there's the stigma that comes with appearing on a sanctions list, regarded as an outcast in the world of intercollegiate athletics.

"Every time that IUP was mentioned, it would be comma, as a university on the official NCAA sanctions list that have abusive or hostile names," Davies said. "I'm not sure that IUP, in its marketing and in trying to attract students and faculty members, would want that asterisk."



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The importance of marketing in the keep-it-or-can-it debate cannot be underestimated. A new nickname might well facilitate the creation of accompanying imagery, the absence of which has clearly hurt the university.

"Our society is made up of pictures and logos and identifies with graphics," Davies said. "Having the word Indian printed on various things without a graphic associated with it has made for challenges in the marketing of IUP. And make no mistake, this issue goes well beyond athletics. Mascots and logos become the identification of the university. It is how our current students, it is how our faculty members, it is how potential students

and faculty view this university."

The decision whether to keep the nickname or adopt a new one is expected to be made in the fall. In the meantime, Davies will analyze feedback from all segments of the IUP community, not only those on campus but in far-flung population centers. He foresees a series of alumni forums in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, and Washington. A website will also be used to gather, and share, information.

If the university ultimately opts for change, the advisory team will then solicit ideas for a new nickname. Various alternatives have already been proposed informally: Crimson Hawks, Crimson Thunder, Mustangs, Wolves, Mighty Oaks, Poets, even Hellbenders, a large salamander that inhabits local waters.

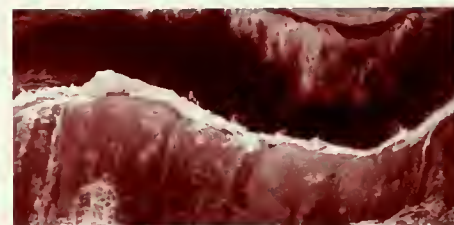
"This is an opportunity to really determine how we want IUP to be positioned on the national scale," Davies said. "How do we want to be known in Seattle, in San Francisco, in New York, in Tampa, in Pittsburgh, and all

points in between? Do we want to represent ourselves as being a creative nickname that kind of gets giggles like the UC-Santa Cruz Banana Slugs or the UC-Irvine Anteaters? That might be the process. I can't foretell the future."

That's not entirely true. Davies definitely knows what looms ahead. He's resigned to the fact that whatever recommendations are made—and whatever decision the university ultimately comes to—will unleash a firestorm of criticism from those who embraced an opposing viewpoint.

There's no pleasing everyone. Robert Davies goes to bed every night knowing that.

## Weathering *the* Storms



Four days into its global study-abroad voyage, the Semester at Sea cruise ship *MV Explorer* was struck by a fifty-foot wave. The *Explorer*, with close to nine hundred students, faculty, and family members, had been in rough seas since leaving Canada for Japan and South Korea. The wave struck the ship broadside shortly before dawn, starting an electrical fire that destroyed nearly two-thirds of the bridge and shut down navigation, radar, and most of the communications systems.

Traveling on the ship with his family was Dane Foust, the voyage's director of Student Life. A 1983 graduate of IUP's Student Affairs in Higher Education (SAHE) program and dean of students at Mount Aloysius College, Foust spent many of the ensuing days counseling students traumatized by the experience, working to keep them calm and focused until the damaged ship arrived in Hawaii.

Another storm tested the mettle of Kevin Bailey '90, assistant vice president for Student Affairs at Tulane University in New Orleans. Hurricane Katrina struck on the university's freshman move-in day. In the storm's wake, Bailey went to Atlanta, following several hundred students who were re-evacuated there either to enroll at other schools or to try getting home for the semester. Separated from his wife for three months, Bailey helped Tulane's students temporarily enroll at Georgia Tech and other schools and assisted in problem-solving for the displaced students, looking after their safety and basic needs while continuing the higher goal of maintaining the education process.

"SAHE gives plenty of training and planning for crisis intervention," said Foust. "Normally, it's assumed that the crisis will be short-term, until other resources arrive. You usually don't anticipate this kind of emergency situation."

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# THE HONORS COLLEGE

## CHRONICLES

THE END OF AN ACADEMIC YEAR TYPICALLY IS THE TIME THAT HONORS ARE BESTOWED AND AWARDS ARE GRANTED. THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR FOR STUDENTS IN THE ROBERT E. COOK HONORS COLLEGE.



Keith Boyer

## Fulbright Leads to Graduate Study Abroad

Rebecca Galloway, who graduated in May, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to spend a full year studying in the Netherlands. Only 1,200 university students in the nation are chosen for this prestigious scholarship. The award will allow Galloway, who speaks five languages, to enroll in a master's program at the Universiteit Maastricht, a liberal arts college in the Netherlands, for the 2006-07 year.

Galloway spent last summer working in Brussels, Belgium, and toured Ireland and France before beginning a summer course in Dutch at the Universiteit Antwerpen in downtown Antwerp, Belgium. She earned a diploma in international management from a French business school during a study-abroad experience. Most recently, she presented her econometric research, "The Effects of Immigration on Unemployment in the

Netherlands: An Analysis of Twenty-Six Labor Market Regions," at the 2006 Europe: East and West Undergraduate Research Symposium held at the University of Pittsburgh.

## Scientific Thinker

Biology and Anthropology major Kristin Juhasz has been named IUP's third Goldwater Scholar in the past four years. The scholarship is awarded to undergraduate sophomores and juniors with impressive academic qualifications who plan to pursue graduate study in mathematics, science, or engineering.

A student in the Robert E. Cook Honors College, Juhasz studied in South Africa courtesy of a grant from Sigma Xi, a scientific research honor society. She is researching the effectiveness and accuracy of health care messages and how effectively Western medicine is integrated into the world of traditional healers. She spent last summer as a research intern at Emory University, working in a primate lab to further Parkinson's Disease research.

"Pick all the superlatives you want," said Mary Lou Zanich, a Psychology faculty member who served as Juhasz's mentor throughout the Goldwater application process. "She's an excellent scientific thinker, extraordinarily competent in everything she does."

The Goldwater scholarship program strives to help alleviate the shortage of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers in the United States. According to the Goldwater Foundation, the scholarship is

"the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields." Previous IUP Goldwater winners are former Honors College students Brigid Mooney, a Mathematics major who won in 2003, and Thomas Baker, a Chemistry major who won in 2004.

A story about Juhasz's research appeared in the Spring edition of *IUP Magazine*.

## System's Best

Senior Chelsea Grove was chosen to receive at May Commencement ceremonies the Syed Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence,

presented by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. She is the third student from IUP to receive the award since its inception in 2001.

The student member of the IUP Council of Trustees, Grove has served as secretary of the IUP Cooperative Association Board of Directors and on the association's finance and operations committees. She earned her bachelor's degree in Finance, along with a minor in French, in May, although she has concentrated on the Arabic language. She studied in Egypt in 2004 and plans to return to Egypt for further study at the end of the summer.



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## A Sign of the Times

An essay by Jenni Easton, a senior from Erie, was posted on *NYTimes.com* in February. Easton wrote the essay, addressing the role of newspapers in a democracy, for a conference held at the offices of the *New York Times* in 2005. The essay was one of seven published from the conference known as Inside the Times, sponsored by the *New York Times* and the American Democracy Project. The conference involved newspaper editors from public universities nationwide. Easton and another editor attended on behalf of the *Penn.* IUP's student newspaper.

A double major in Journalism and Interdisciplinary Fine Arts, Easton graduated in May. She spent a year as editor in chief of the *Penn.* During her tenure, she directed "The Civic Project," a foray into civic journalism that has become the foundation for her undergraduate thesis research with Journalism professor David Loomis.



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● **SUPER SCHOLAR-ATHLETES:** President Tony Atwater, left, hosted an All-American and Crimson Club dinner in April, at which golfer Dan Vollmer, second from left, and basketball player Kara Taylor were honored as Scholar-Athletes of the Year. William Roberts, right, former All-Pro offensive lineman, was the evening's keynote speaker.

## ECHOES OF IRAQ

For a year during his abbreviated IUP academic career, Eric Slebodnik was a phonathon caller with the Annual Giving office. According to Susan Stake, the office's assistant director, "Eric possessed qualities that I wish all the callers had. He was wise and mature beyond his twenty years."

On his job application, Slebodnik was asked to list "qualities that would make a good fundraiser." He had, he reported, "a deep voice and a charismatic personality." The alumni, Stake said, responded so well to his calls that in his last semester (Fall, 2004), "he raised over \$9,000—an amount that many good callers raise in twice that long."

Sadly, the student who once worked to raise support for the university has now himself become the subject of a memorial scholarship appeal. On September 28, 2005, Specialist Slebodnik was one of five Pennsylvania National Guard soldiers killed in a roadside bombing near the Iraqi town of Ramadi, west of Baghdad. When he was deployed, he was a junior majoring in History with a minor in Political Science. At the time of his death, he was twenty-one. His family lives in Carbondale, Pa.

Less than three months earlier, Marine Lance Corporal Ryan Kovacicek, twenty-two, was killed in a mortar attack in the town of Hit, further west in Iraq. Kovacicek was from Washington, Pa., and had been a sophomore Criminology major and ice hockey player at IUP before enlisting in the Marine Corps.

Like Slebodnik, Brent Adams joined the Army National Guard as a college student. In Adams's case, though, that occurred in 1987. Last December, Adams, forty, was halfway through a yearlong tour of duty in Iraq, where he supervised mechanics who repaired military vehicles. A 1995 graduate of IUP with a degree in Regional Planning, he expected to retire from the Guard in two more years. Sergeant Adams was the only casualty of a roadside bombing in Iraq on December 1. His family in West View, near Pittsburgh, includes a wife and a four-year-old son.

In a brochure describing the Eric Slebodnik Memorial Scholarship for History, English Department faculty member Ronald Shafer '68, M'70 noted that Slebodnik, in one of his last e-mails to Shafer, wrote: "Our task in Iraq is momentous, and I am unspeakably honored to be part of it."

More information about the Slebodnik scholarship is available at [www.iup.edu/giving\\_to\\_iup/annual\\_fund](http://www.iup.edu/giving_to_iup/annual_fund), by e-mail at [iup-giving@iup.edu](mailto:iup-giving@iup.edu), or by telephone at 724-357-5555.



Eric Slebodnik, right, with Staff Sergeant George Pugliese in the M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle in which both were killed last September. Altogether, five Pennsylvania National Guard soldiers died in the attack on the Bradley, which was set ablaze by an explosive device, small arms fire, and rocket-propelled grenades.

Courtesy of Slebodnik Family



## IUP

## Designation of Codes

- AA** Associate of Arts Degree  
**CA** Academy of Culinary Arts  
**D** Doctoral Degree  
**M** Master's Degree

## 1920s

Alumna and former faculty member Blanche Waugaman Jefferson '29 was ninety-six when she died in January. She had taught in Vandergrift before coming to Indiana to join the Art Education Department at midcentury. Later, she earned a Ph.D. degree at Columbia and headed the Art Education Department at the University of Pittsburgh. Her daughter, Patricia Treusch, earned bachelor's (1971) and master's (1974) degrees at IUP as a nontraditional student.

## 1930s

Past president of the IUP Alumni Association, Glenn Hess '37 was reelected president of the Mount Vernon Village Board of Directors for the tenth consecutive year. He lives in Sandy Springs, Ga.

## 1950s

Sara (Sally) Lunn Turley '56, a former secondary teacher, is the only retiree on the board of the Public School Employees Retirement System, representing all Pennsylvania school retirees. She lives in Greensburg with her husband, Donald.

## 1960s

Based in Long Beach, Calif., jazz singer Dewey Erney '60 performs at venues throughout southern California. An especially notable location is Steamers Jazz Club in Fullerton, where one of Dewey's most recent CDs was recorded. (See Bookends in this issue.) He notes that his niece, Erica Erney, is a student at IUP.

Mel Cochran '65 took first place in his weight and age bracket at the USAPL Pennsylvania State Powerlifting Championships held in March, setting state records in the squat and total and breaking the deadlift record with a lift of 374.7 pounds. Cochran, a former Virginia state heavyweight AAU Olympic Lifting champion, lives in Indiana with his wife, Jerri Bastl Cochran '64.

Less than two months before his death in May, Brad Edwards '69 was inducted into the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame. A broadcast journalist from the age of fourteen (on WDAD in Indiana, Pa.), he had lived in Oklahoma City since the seventies and since 1981 had hosted "In Your Corner," a consumer-advocacy segment on KFOR-TV. In 1989, he won an Emmy Award for Investigative Reporting.

## 1970s

Rick Simonetta '71 is CEO of Valley Metro Rail, a rail system that will launch service in the Phoenix area in 2008. The Scottsdale resident received an IUP Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000.

Vice chancellor for finance and administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Nancy Suttentfield '71 will become senior vice president and chief financial officer at Wake Forest University beginning next



● At eighteen, Jessica Meeker of Bellefonte, Pa., became the youngest-ever recipient of an MBA degree from IUP. She graduated from Penn State two years ago.



● Alda Smith graduated from Pittsburgh's Montefiore School of Nursing in 1945 and became an R.N. More than sixty years later, at eighty-four, the Armstrong County resident received a bachelor's degree in Nursing from IUP.

## COMMEN



● Before he gave the Commencement address and received an honorary doctorate from IUP in May, Daniel Griffith '70, M'72 visited with Ruth Shirey '64 in front of Leonard Hall. As a long-time member of the Geography and Regional Planning faculty, Shirey was teaching when Griffith was a graduate student. Today he is Ashbel Smith Professor of Geospatial Information Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas.



# CLASSNOTES



● **Rachel Sams** of Pittsburgh was student speaker at May's Commencement ceremonies. A Special Education and Clinical Services major, she graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

month. An IUP Distinguished Alumni Award recipient for 2006, she lives in Chapel Hill with her husband, Charlie.

**Judy Zerfoss McFadden '73, M'75**, employed by PetEdge, recently returned from a two-month stay in Shanghai, where the company opened a new representative office. She lives in Andover, Mass.

**Terry Griffith '74** is director of the IUP Co-op Store. He lives in Indiana with his wife, Donna **McCrea Griffith '74, M'77**, assistant dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

**Lt. Col. Joseph Innerst '76** has retired from the Marine Corps after twenty-eight years of service and is a JROTC instructor at Dallastown Area High School. He lives in New Cumberland, Pa., with his wife, **Diane Lentz Innerst '75**, a math teacher at Harrisburg Academy. Their sons, Robert and Joey, attend the U.S. Naval Academy.

After twenty-six years, the last three-and-a-half on the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force in Washington, D.C., **Joe Morrash '77** retired from the Alexandria (Va.) police department and moved to Columbia, S.C., with his wife, Debra, and their children. He now works as an intelligence analyst for the FBI.

**Joe Stakel '78**, owner of the restaurant "Deli on Rye," lives in Hudson, Ohio, with his wife, Lynda, and three children.

**Erica Voss-Meloy '78** of Dillsburg was joined by Camp Hill resident **Richard Hawley '82** in her optometry practice in Mechanicsburg. Both are graduates of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia.

## 1980s

**Michelle Wood Kane '80** has officiated basketball games for twenty-five years, is a part-time communications consultant for CIGNA, and lives in Maple Glen with her husband, **Bill Kane '80**.

She reunited with former IUP teammate **Terri Piatak '81, M'87** when they both refereed the 2005 state championship basketball games in Hershey. For details, visit *Web Extra*.

**Terri Piatak '81, M'87** is an elementary physical education teacher and junior high health teacher in the Meyersdale Area School District, where she has coached girls' varsity, junior varsity, and junior high basketball for fourteen years. She referees women's basketball at the division 1/2/3 levels and worked three state championship high school games. She lives in Meyersdale during the school year and travels most of the summer to officiating and basketball camps. For more information, visit *Web Extra*.

**Sue Hood McKissick '82**, mortgage consultant for Sky Bank, lives in New Castle, Pa., with her husband, **Gary McKissick '83**, controller for Gregori Construction, and their children, Nichole, Justin, and Brandon.

**Ronald Millar '82**, associate director of the Secular Coalition for America, completed a doctoral program in Public Administration and Policy at Virginia Tech, where his dissertation received the Outstanding Dissertation in the Social Sciences award. He lives in Arlington, Va.

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# CEMENT

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● **Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett** spoke at the Criminology Department's graduation ceremony.

**Army Colonel Jay Griffin '76** is commander of the 338th Medical Brigade, an Army Reserve unit in Chester, Pa., that was called to active duty as the headquarters element of a medical task force. As commander of Task Force Medical Falcon and surgeon for Task Force Falcon, he is stationed in Kosovo as part of Operation Joint Guardian. When not on active duty, he is the vice president of operations for Asko, Inc. He and his wife Kathleen, live in Ellwood City.



## THE COMPANY WE KEEP

- In April, **Joe Paterno** lectured on campus as the first Schafer Distinguished Speaker.
- **The Clarks**, the legendary Pittsburgh band made up of IUP alumni, performed a concert on campus in April to raise funds for the Cogswell Hall recording studio.
- Three-time Super Bowl veteran **William Roberts** served as the guest speaker at the All-American Dinner held in April in honor of athletes. In addition to his time with the New York Giants, Roberts also played for the New England Patriots and the New York Jets.

Lead program analyst for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, **Susanne Majewski Rock '82** of Pittsburgh received the 2005 Federal Woman of the Year Award.

**Mark Magill '83, M'89** is retired and living in Clementsport, Nova Scotia. A part-time grocery clerk, he was recently named Employee of the Month at the Atlantic Superstore in Digby.

**Bob Marchesani '83** is on the Board of Trustees of St. Richard's School, an independent Episcopal day school in Indianapolis, where he is the parent of one alumna and two current students. He is the global marketing leader for the Eli Lilly and Company's anti-cancer drug Alimta and the company's thoracic cancer portfolio strategy.

Pittsburgh resident **MaryAnne Wesdock '83**, senior counsel with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board, received the 2006 Environmental Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Environmental Law Section.

**Michael Simpson '84**, district manager for the Fox and Hound Restaurant Group, lives in Wexford, Pa., with his wife, Jackie. **Koelbel Simpson '83**, event planner for the Chadwick Banquet Facility, and their three children.

**Pat Frantz Cercone '85** is a contributor to Tim Russert's new book, *Wisdom of Our Fathers: Lessons and Letters from Daughters and Sons*. Pat's part of the book, which was published in May, is an essay about how her father raised her from the age of eleven, when Pat's mother died. Today, Pat is director of communications and marketing at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. More about the book will appear in the Bookends section of *IUP Magazine's* Fall issue.

**David Holben '85**, associate professor of food, nutrition, and hospitality and director of the didactic program in dietetics at Ohio University, was named a University Professor for 2006-2007. He will also be the 2007 Fulbright Research Chair in Sustainability (Simon Fraser University), and he and his family will move to British Columbia during his tenure as a Fulbright scholar.

**Tim Vojtasko '85**, vice president of human resources at Science Applications International, recently graduated from the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department Police Academy as a reserve police officer. He reports that the

commander of his assigned district is career officer **Diane Grooms '88**. The McLean, Va., resident is also an adjunct professor at George Mason University.

**Douglas Baker '86** is director of sales and business development at Teledyne Hastings Instruments. He lives in Newport News, Va., with his wife, Julie, and their three daughters.

**David Moore '86** is director of development for the Delaware Museum of Natural History. He lives in Downingtown, Pa.

Seattle resident **Jeffrey Hook '87**, employed by the Children's Home Society of Washington, completed his social work graduate education and is pursuing a Washington State social workers' license through the state's Health Professions Quality Assurance Division.

**Linda Toki '87**, a graphic designer at the Farm Credit Administration, lives in McLean, Va.

**Marsha Marushak Tucker '87** is a certified interior designer working for Moseley Architects in Virginia Beach. She lives in Chesapeake, Va.

**Nicolas Barrelet '88** of Harrisburg recently received the Carnegie Medal from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. Along with Randy Nolen, he rescued a fifty-nine-year-old amputee from the second floor of a burning Harrisburg row house in January, 2005. Both he and Nolen were passersby. The award includes a medal and \$3,500.

An accounting/finance recruiter, **Donita Burns Calef '88** lives in Chester Springs, Pa., with her husband, Steve, and daughter, Morgan.

**Pam Lundberg Osman '88** is an optometrist living in Toano, Va., with her husband, **David Osman '87**, and their son, Maxwell. A healthcare manager for Healthways, Inc., **Sharon Debski Stalder '88** lives in Wexford, Pa., with her husband, Matt.

**Jill Swavely '88** is an assistant professor of TESOL in the College of Education at Temple University and lives in Philadelphia.

## 1990s

**Michael Noyes M'90, D'00**, head of the Dallas County Probation Department, lives in Dallas with his wife, Chris.

Pittsburgh resident **Gene Mattis '90**, a certified safety professional, is a risk control specialist for the PMA Insurance Group.

**Natasha Karanjia '91**, a family physician with Blair Medical Associates, lives in Tyrone, Pa.

**Carolyn Feola de Rugamas '93** is a self-employed freelance desktop publisher/writer/editor living in Takoma Park, Md., with her husband, Mario.

After teaching general music for six years, **Derek Sandstrom '93** began a full-time music ministry as a singer/songwriter ([www.dereksandstrom.com](http://www.dereksandstrom.com)). He lives in Etters, Pa., with his wife, **Sheri Mittong Sandstrom '92**, and their sons, Morgan and Carter. Sheri taught reading in the West Shore School District for five years.

Pasadena resident **Brian Stoltz '93**, an associate chemistry professor at California Institute of Technology, won an Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award for his work in organic synthesis.

## Changes

**Chad Buckwalter**, a sophomore Business major from Lititz, Pa., has been nominated as a student member of the IUP Council of Trustees to fill a vacancy created by the graduation of **Chelsea Grove**.

The following new officers have been elected by the IUP Council of Trustees: **David Usikowicz**, president; **Kim Lytle '72, M'74**, vice president; **Susan Snell Delaney '64**, secretary; and **Robert Kovenec '76**, treasurer.

The following new officers have been elected by the Foundation for IUP: **Chris Holata '89**, president; **Daniel Prusznok '76**, vice president; and **Thomas Curless**, secretary-treasurer.

Election of board members for the IUP Alumni Association was due to conclude June 30.

Announcements of the results and of new officers will appear in the Fall issue of *IUP Magazine*.



Major **John Wojcik '93** is general counsel for the Michigan National Guard as a Judge Advocate General officer, is a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, and teaches at a local law school "in my spare time." His wife, **Sandie McKotch Wojcik '93**, is a state trainer in the Michigan National Guard's state family programs office. They live in Lansing with their son, Maxwell.

After receiving a master's degree in interior architecture from Pratt Institute, **Edward Brant '94** became the interior architect for Diane von Furstenberg in New York City.

**Todd Kramer '94**, president of Kramer Consulting and Management Services, lives in New Cumberland, Pa., with his wife, **Jeri Hinkle Kramer '94**, a clinical supervisor for Family Service Partners, and their children, Cassidy and Kaylee.

U.S. Air Force Captain **Dwight Berry '95** completed flight nurse training and is assigned to the 43rd Aeromedical Evaluation Squadron at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina, where he lives with his wife, **Nicole Adams Berry '94**, and their children, Megan and Jacob.

Indiana resident **Fred Marshall '95**, founder of *MenuMagazine.com*, created the advertiser-supported website *CamKaraoke.com* to display his video parodies of karaoke performances.

**Jeffrey Woods '95**, safety and environment director for Weldon Materials, lives in Branchville, N.J., with his wife, **Kristi Felichko Woods '97**, lead accountant for Newton Memorial Hospital, and their son, Ty.

**Carolyn Vallano Carr '96**, a teacher in the Kiski Area School District, lives in Greensburg with her husband, Dave, and son, Eli.

**Christina Conn Schrecengost '96, M'01**, a senior instructional systems designer for Pearson Performance Solutions, lives in Ford City with her husband, Steven, and children, Grace and Gabriel.

**Jill Yantko White '97, M'99** is program director for the Hope Network, Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services. She and her husband, Eric, live in New Salem, Pa., with their daughter, Bridget.

After four years teaching in Las Vegas, **Daniel Atwood '98** is band director at Everett Area High School (Pa.), where he directed *Into the Woods*. For photos and more information, visit *Web Extra* at [www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag](http://www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag).

**Jennifer Sellers Crothers '98**, an interior designer with Gresham Smith and Partners, lives in Tampa, Fla., with her husband, Bill.

A Six Sigma Black Belt-certified environmental health and safety manager for Cambrex Bioscience, **Terry McCann '98** lives in Crownsville, Md., with his wife, **Wendy May McCann '99**, and their children, Jay and Alice.

**Brian Schwarz '98** of Lake Worth, Fla., is editor of LRP Publications' higher education group, overseeing the monthly production of *The Successful Registrar and Enrollment Management Report*.

**Gretchen Tome '98**, a social worker in Baltimore, is training for the 2006 National AIDS Marathon in Florence, Italy. Visit

## BOOKENDS & MORE

**H**istory buffs and beer lovers alike may wish to peruse *Yuengling: A History of America's Oldest Brewery* by **Mark Noon D'98**. Published by McFarland and Company, the book uses the rich history of the anthracite coal region as its backdrop as it examines the reasons behind the longevity of the family-owned business. D.G. Yuengling and Son, located in Pottsville, Pa., has been in business 176 years and is recognized as the nation's oldest brewery in continuous operation. Noon is a faculty member at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

**A**vid *IUP Magazine* readers will recall a story a few years ago about accountant-turned-jazz singer **Dewey Erney '60**. Appearing regularly in concerts and jazz venues throughout Southern California, Erney has built a devoted following. His recordings now number thirteen, with two more in the making. Recently released were *Live at Steamers Jazz Club* and *Lucky to Be Me* (recorded with the Tom Kubis Orchestra). Information is available at [deweyerney.com](http://deweyerney.com) and [primrose-lanemusic.com](http://primrose-lanemusic.com).

**B**assist for the Clarks and IUP Distinguished Alumni Award recipient **Greg Joseph '85** recently released his first solo CD. Titled *American Diary*, the eleven-song collection is about life in America, told with the cynicism and dry

humor that brings Joseph's songs to life. With the help of fellow Clark guitarist Rob James (Rob Hertwick) '87 and other musicians, Joseph's solo project reveals a different side of the world around him.

More information about *American Diary*, plus song samples and tour dates, is available at [www.gregjosephmusic.com](http://www.gregjosephmusic.com). The Clarks formed nearly twenty years ago at IUP and performed at Fisher Auditorium in April to raise funds for a recording studio in the newly renovated Cogswell Hall.

**A** member of the staff at Dakota State University in Madison, S.D., **Deborah Kennedy Gearhart '76** is the coauthor of *Designing and Developing Web-based Instruction*, published by Pearson Merrill Prentice Hall.

### Sell-Published

A retired teacher who now works as a personal success coach, **Leonard LaPlaca '63** of Windber, Pa., has published through Author House *Fountains of Life: Choose the Life You Want to Live*. The book provides practical insights that assist the reader in enjoying the power of choice.

**N**ews about faculty publications, nonprint media, and visual arts exhibits may be found in *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra. Visit [www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag](http://www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag).

### TALES FROM A TRAGEDY:

*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* writer Paula Reed Ward '96 and IUP faculty member Charles McColleston discussed media coverage of the Sago Mine explosion and rescue at IUP in March. Other panelists were Cindi Lash '80, also from the *Post-Gazette*, William Serrin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning



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former labor reporter for the *New York Times*, and Ron Airhart. United Mine Workers of America organizer. Journalism faculty member David Loomis was moderator.



# LETTERS

Web Extra for details on how to sponsor her training.

Kevin Shea '99, a stand-up comic living in Los Angeles, appeared on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* and on Comedy Central's *Premium Blend*.

Seven years ago, at the age of fifty-three, Kathy Sohn D'99 completed work on her doctorate in English at IUP. "Defending my dissertation was one of the happiest moments in my life," she said. Now, there's a book based on her doctoral research. Details are at [www.kathysohn.com](http://www.kathysohn.com). Kathy is assistant professor of English and Writing Center coordinator at Pikeville College in Kentucky.

## 2000s

Michael Noyes M'90, D'00, head of the Dallas County Probation Department, lives in Dallas with his wife, Chris.

Peggy Wilfong D'00, a professor of English at Cedarville University, lives in Springfield, Ohio.

Brett Gentile '01 lives in Rock Hill, S.C., with his wife, Autumn. He teaches theater at Winthrop University and performs in a professional theater company in Charlotte.

Mountville, Pa., resident Corinne Hafer '02, a family and consumer sciences teacher for the Penns Manor School District, appears in the tenth edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers*.

The wedding ceremony of Melissa Hess '02 and Corry Schimmer '02 included William Firestone '83, Jeff Livick '01, Michelle McCafferty '02, Brian Richter '02, Matt Smith '02, and Lindsay Thibault '02. Melissa, a kindergarten teacher for

## The Evolving Campus

As a former music student, I cannot imagine the excitement felt by the faculty, staff, and students upon moving into the newly renovated music facilities outlined in the Spring issue of *IUP Magazine*. For many of us, though, campus changes like the renovation of Cogswell Hall are bittersweet.

Since my graduation from IUP in 2000, many changes have taken place on campus. The "HUB" as I once knew it has changed dramatically. The beautiful renovation of this facility has transformed the familiar spaces where I spent hours working, eating, studying, and gathering. As a member of a greek-letter organization and a part-time employee of the old HUB Rock Café, I spent a considerable portion of my college career in a place that is no longer there as it once was.

As a music major I practically lived in Cogswell Hall. I spent countless hours practicing and performing in old spaces that were far from state of the art, but have become integral settings to cherished memories. I can never again step into one of the old practice rooms (while first waiting in line for a while, of course) or rehearse on stage in the old Orendorff Auditorium with marching band equipment lining the back wall. The sights, sounds, and atmosphere of that old building are gone, unable to easily cue the joyful memories of my time there.

Pretty soon the landscape of Tri-Halls and a large portion of the residence hall system will be vastly different than I knew it. As a Resident Assistant, and eventually a Head Resident Assistant, I encountered a career path I did not know existed. Today I have a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration and have been working as a student affairs professional for six years, thanks in no small part to my experiences living and working in the campus residence hall system.

Progress and growth mean battling the pangs of necessary change. I'm so very proud of my *alma mater* for its commitment to progress. As a student affairs professional I applaud IUP's efforts to provide the best possible facilities to the students of today. But that pride is accompanied by a small degree of selfish melancholy. The physical reminders of my own experience have disappeared. These new spaces cannot prompt recollection or induce feelings of nostalgia. Although I grieve for the memories that over time grow fainter, and the distance that erodes their clarity, I am encouraged by the promise of what lies ahead for the next gen-

eration of IUP scholars.

Charles Dubois said that what is important is "to be able at any moment to sacrifice what we are for what we could become."

Indeed.

Joe Mull '00  
Pittsburgh

## Tired of Blank Stares

Now that IUP's nickname appeal has been denied, is there any effort underway to seek alternatives? IUP is a great school, and I enjoyed my time there very much; however, the school name and the nickname have always bothered me. The Indiana Indians? First of all, having to explain to people what in the world Indiana University of Pennsylvania is for the past fourteen years is getting old. I usually just give up and say I went to Indiana and leave it at that. At least people know what a Hoosier is.

We have some of the best programs and faculty in the country but still no one knows who we are unless they've been there. What's wrong with a regional name for the school? University of Western Pennsylvania Mighty Oaks? Kind of catchy, eh? Or Western Pennsylvania University Crimson. Or Fighting Squirrels. Or Miners. Any of those have more of a direct correlation to the school than the general "Indians." Take a survey, and I'll bet that 98 percent of the student population has no idea what Indians even populated that area.

All I want is for one day to be able to tell people where I went to school without receiving a blank stare back.

Matthew Warnock '97  
Arlington, Va.

## And Now, This Personal Message

(To William Powell '69, subject of "Detroit Detour" in the Spring issue, from a fellow ROTC alumnus)

Gomer, that's great! Have you seen Norton up there? I flew back from RVN with him and have not seen him since. If you get to Raleigh, N.C., look me up. My best to you.

Bob Mitten '69, IOBC '70  
Raleigh, N.C.





● **A FEW WORDS FOR LIBRARIES:** Penn State football coach Joe Paterno spoke in Fisher Auditorium in the spring as the first Schafer Distinguished Speaker in a new series sponsored by the IUP Libraries. President Tony Atwater, second from left, welcomed Paterno, left, Jack Pidgeon, and Barbara Hafer to Sutton Hall on the evening of the event. Paterno's appearance, in which Pidgeon was instrumental, raised more than \$30,000 for the IUP Libraries. The speaker series is underwritten by a bequest from the late Mary Jane McMurray Schafer '31.

## Mentors

**Mentors is a feature that highlights and reports on IUP faculty members, past and present. News of alumni who are also faculty members will continue to appear in Class Notes as well.**

**A**s a 2006 Fulbright Scholar, **Robert Boldin**, a member of the Finance and Legal Studies Department faculty, has joined the ranks of the educational, political, economic, social, and cultural leaders of the world. Boldin's award is among the nearly sixty Fulbright awards earned by IUP faculty members since 1959, the most Fulbrights of any faculty in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. It is the seventh Fulbright award won by a faculty member of the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology in the last ten years. Boldin will use the award to teach and conduct research in Macedonia, a small Balkan republic, during the next academic year. He plans to research methods for economic development and teach courses on finance and entrepreneurship. One of his top goals is to identify key factors that can be put into immediate use by policymakers to further Macedonia's development.

**W**hen Kuwait called, IUP answered. **Carmy Carranza**, director of IUP's Center for Learning Enhancement and chairperson of the Developmental Studies Department, was invited to Kuwait City for a ten-day visiting professorship to serve as a consultant for the university's new academic support center and deliver workshops on college learning skills. "Kuwait University is very interested in developing a learning center and was looking for the best model," she said. "We have an exemplary model here, one that integrates three areas—academic courses, advisement, and learning services."

**T**he Thomas Merton Center in Pittsburgh has presented **Harvey Holtz** with a New Person Award, given to several Pittsburgh area activists in recognition of a commitment to peace and justice. He has been responsible for the creation of a variety of groups, including the Indiana Progressive Alliance, has worked with the IUP Women for a Change, and was advisor to the IUP/NAACP for five years. He has also been involved in anti-nuclear groups, has worked with campus groups struggling against heterosexism and a variety of other activist groups through the years, and initiated Indiana Voices for Peace prior to the invasion of Iraq. Holtz helped form and advises the "leftist" Liberation Ground and the "rightist" Students for Free Speech.

**A**n impressively high number of faculty in the Educational and School Psychology Department have been invited to contribute chapters to *Best Practices in School Psychology*, which is published every five years by the National Association of School Psychologists. "This really demonstrates that the IUP school psychology program is a nationally and internationally recognized program," said **Edward Levinson**, interim chairperson of the department. Contributors are chosen based on their expertise in certain areas of school psychology. From IUP, **Joseph Kovalski** (the author of two chapters), Levinson, and **Mary Ann Raloth**, interim dean of the College of Education and Educational Technology, will contribute to the book. Raloth will coauthor her chapter with **Becky Knickelbein**.

## Gateways Are Golden

**I**n May, IUP announced it would formally close its Gateways to Opportunity capital campaign at the end of June. With a \$14-million goal set, the multiyear campaign had recorded more than \$20 million by this past spring.

More than \$7 million had been raised for student scholarships alone—nearly four times the goal set in June, 2004. The Student Opportunity Fund was also well ahead of its \$4-million goal. Nearly \$1 million each had been raised for the IUP Libraries and the regional campuses, in addition to more millions for special projects and undesignated areas. Funds for the Regional Development Center and Sports Complex will be addressed in a separate, dedicated effort.

According to President Tony Atwater, "Any comprehensive capital campaign for a university is not just about the total funds raised. It is also about successfully conveying a vision and a message about the future of the institution. It also raises the awareness of the need for continued philanthropic support for public higher education."

Complete results of the campaign will appear in the Fall issue of *IUP Magazine*, along with a listing of volunteers who contributed to the success of the Gateways to Opportunity campaign. A campaign celebration is planned for early October.

# CLASSNOTES

Susquenita School District, and Corry, a customer service representative for Highmark Blue Shield, live in Enola, Pa.

Eric Grasser '02 is a teacher living in Gainesville, Va. The former head of Pittsburgh's Community Day School, Natalie Peikin Berman D'03 is an assistant professor of English and the chair of Humanities at Nevada State College. She lives in Las Vegas with her husband, Malcolm.

Mark Lazzari M'04, a watershed/land use planner for Paul C. Rizzo Associates, lives in Johnstown with his wife, Lauren, the daughter of Richard Burkert '73 and Ellen Singleton '72, M'74.

Kathleen Moriarty '04 is working toward a master's degree in European Politics and Economics at the University of Geneva, attending as a Rotary International Ambassador Scholar. Alicia Kollar '05, assistant direc-

tor of public relations and news bureau editor for York College of Pennsylvania, lives in Manheim, Pa.

Lauren Melnick '05 received the Pennsylvania Outstanding Dietetic Student for Dietetic Internship Programs Award from the Pennsylvania Dietetic Association. She is pursuing a dietetic internship and master's degree in public health nutrition at Case Western Reserve University.

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## Lost and Found

**1970s** Phi Sigma Kappa brothers and friends: To be included in the e-mail list for reunion information and dates, contact Jeff Reynolds '75 at [jeff-reynolds@shcglobal.net](mailto:jeff-reynolds@shcglobal.net), Ken Marinelli '76 at [kenbrill@bell-south.net](mailto:kenbrill@bell-south.net), Bob Hartman '76 and Liz Duke Hartman '75 at [Heartpeople@astound.net](mailto:Heartpeople@astound.net), or Howard Vicini '74 at [hvicini@shcglobal.net](mailto:hvicini@shcglobal.net). For more information, visit *Web Extra* at [www.iup.edu/publications/iup-mag/webextra](http://www.iup.edu/publications/iup-mag/webextra).

## Weddings

### 1980s

Katherine Hammond M'89, D'92 to John Holtz, October 1, 2005.

### 1990s

Carolyn Feola '93 to Mario Rugamas, January 1, 2006. Jeffrey Woods '95 to Kristi Felichko '97, August 19, 2005. Lisa Hahn '98 to Michael Paglaicetti, May 7, 2005. Jennifer Sellers '98 to Bill Crothers, February 4, 2006.

### 2000s

Steve Cunningham '02 to Abby Thaner '02, July 9, 2005. Emily Forker '02 to Matt Toto '02, July 5, 2004. Melissa Hess '02 to Corry Schimmer '02, July 16, 2005. Mark Lazzari M'04 to Lauren Burkert, July 2, 2005.

## Arrivals

### 1980s

To Sharon Debski Stalder '88 and Matt Stalder, a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, April 10, 2006.

### 1990s

To Susan Graham Harron '91 and Ed Harron, a son, Colin John, April 5, 2005. To Deborah Mattis



## JOIN A BAND WITH STAYING POWER

**A**fter the Colts left Baltimore on a snowy night in 1984, the city was without an NFL team for more than a decade. That fact, however, failed to deter members of the Baltimore Colts Marching Band. The band played on! The Ravens arrived, and after they moved into their new stadium in 1998, the band became the Marching Ravens. By then, the band had celebrated more than fifty years as a Baltimore institution.

"They were truly the group that wouldn't let the football fire die in Baltimore" is how Tom Matte put it in *Tales from the Baltimore Ravens Sideline*. Writer, director, and Baltimore native Barry Levinson wrote, "No one outside Baltimore cared whether or not the city got a new football team...no one. The city stood alone against the football world, and its defiance was defined by the Baltimore Colts Marching Band."

Although band membership dropped below two hundred during some of the years without a team, it is now back up to twice that. And Band President John Ziemann is looking for a few good IUP alumni—to go with the few that are already leading his organization.

"Many of our best band members throughout the years were IUP alumni, and we are always recruiting," Ziemann said. "We would like to extend an offer to all IUP Music Department graduates and 'Legend' alumni that may be in our area to become part of the largest NFL band in the world."

Todd Clontz '92 is the band's director, while Dan Fake '03 is drill instructor, and former drum major Jennifer Bours Clontz '95 serves as director's assistant. Full details on membership are available on the web at [www.ravensband.org](http://www.ravensband.org) or from Ziemann at 410-557-8335.



J. Patrick Kelly

Jennifer Bours Clontz was drum major of the Marching Ravens before assuming her current role of assistant to the director.

Page '92 and Jason Page, a son, Garrett Joseph, August 24, 2005. To Andrew Phillips '92 and Christine McQuown Phillips '92, a daughter, Caroline Piper, March 1, 2006. To James Marshall '93 and Christi Marshall, a son, Ryan Matthew, March 27, 2006. To John Wojcik '93 and Sandie McKotch Wojcik '93, a son, Maxwell, May 4, 2004. To Jeri Hinkle Kramer '94 and Todd Kramer '94, a daughter, Kaylee Wagner, December 3, 2005. To Christa Kollar Brahler '95 and Max Brahler, a son, Luke Thomas, March 25, 2003, and a daughter, Mya Joy, December 14, 2005. To Jeffrey Woods '95 and Kristi Felichko Woods '97, a son, Ty Samuel, March 22, 2006. To Carolyn Vallano Carr '96 and Dave Carr, a son, Eli David, March 18, 2006. To Scott Stuchal '96 and Ann Reese Stuchal '00, a son,

Chase James, March 16, 2006. To Jill Yantko White '97, M'99 and Eric White, a daughter, Bridget Scott, August 31, 2003. To Terry McCann '98 and Wendy May McCann '99, a daughter, Alice Rose, March 31, 2006. To David Saurman '99 and Petronya Saurman, a son, Brayden Thomas, May 9, 2006.

### 2000s

To Jodi Harvey Mosler '00 and Tyler Mosler, a daughter, Kylie Josephine, January 3, 2005. To Crystal Alwine George '01 and Ryan George '01, a son, Isaac Ryan, December 30, 2005. To Maura Caruso Wren '01 and Frank Wren, a son, Vincent Michael, March 21, 2006. To Jill Jeffcoat Smith '02, M'06 and Jared Smith, a son, Myles Samuel, February 26, 2006.

## Deaths

(Note: All class years are for bachelor's degrees [even though the deceased may also have received an IUP graduate degree], unless otherwise indicated.)

1913: Ruby Varley McConnell.  
1918: Hazel Marshall Bissonette.

1928: Daisy Hadden Miller.  
1929: Trudell Hiner, Blanche Waugaman Jefferson.

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1933: Alberta Boughamer Covert.  
1934: Joseph Paul Claycomb.  
1935: Elda Bence. 1938: Rebecca Truxal Loudon. 1939: Virginia Johns Adams, Raymond Weamer.  
1940: Michael Motily. 1941: Enis Gandolph Prato. 1946:

## COMING UP

For all dates, see the Calendar, at [www.iup.edu](http://www.iup.edu).

### ■ Gateways to Opportunity Celebration, October 6-7

Marks the conclusion of IUP's six-year capital campaign

### ■ Homecoming, October 13-15

■ Family Weekend, November 3-5. For more info, see [www.iup.edu/parents](http://www.iup.edu/parents).

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### ■ Athletics

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### ■ Football

At Cheyney, September 9, 1:00 p.m.  
East Stroudsburg, September 16, 6:00 p.m.  
At Millersville, September 23, 6:00 p.m.  
At Edinboro, September 30, 1:00 p.m.  
Lock Haven, October 7, 1:00 p.m.  
Clarion, October 14, 2:00 p.m.  
At Shippensburg, October 21, 1:00 p.m.  
Mansfield, October 28, 1:00 p.m.  
Slippery Rock, November 4, 1:00 p.m.  
At California, November 11, 1:00 p.m.

### ■ Lively Arts

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### ■ OnStage Arts and Entertainment

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# CLASSNOTES



● **ACTION ON ABUSE:** Robert Ackerman, chairperson of the President's Commission on Reducing Student Substance Abuse, discussed the commission's draft report, which was issued early in May. A final report was due at the end of that month. Ackerman is a faculty member in the Sociology Department and director of the Mid-Atlantic Addiction Training Institute, headquartered at IUP.

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1951: William Dickson. 1952: Daniel Christian, Jack Dahlinger. 1953: James Cummings, William Sabota. 1954: Dean Fetterman. 1956: Richard Barroner, Chris Kiriakou. 1958: Wanda Beringer Heath, Joyce Bonnell Polinsky. 1959: Zella Rehrer.

1960: Charles Szvitch. 1961: Robert Cramer, Florence Somerville Brennan, Dale Ekas, Nancy Abraham Markovich, Claudette Chambon Pykosh, Marva Litzinger Stacey. 1963: Keith Watkins. 1964: Frances Skinner Supinka. 1965: Barbara

Brown Hillje, Robert Keefer. 1966: Winifred Maitland Goodman, Thomas Langford, Lois Freidhof Mancini, James Ramsey (M), Linda Grove Ross, Shirley Weitzel Gates (M). 1967: Oscar Eller, Russell ("Wes") McKnight. 1969: Brad Edwards.

1970: Rosella Spencer Fulmer. 1973: Phyllis DiCiccio DiPierro. 1974: Dennis Hein, Kathryn Carlson Stake. 1975: James Dougherty. 1976: Alan Fairman, Rebecca Watson Ferrari, Fred Mamula (M). 1977: Adrienne Shiner. 1978: Jeffrey Zopf.

1983: Kerry Casner, Patricia Sikorsky (M). 1984: Kimberly Olbrick. 1988: Richard Heberlein (M).

1992: Larry Graff.

2002: Dylan Shuck.

## Other Deaths

Jessica Aaron, a sophomore Communications Media major from Slickville, Pa., died February 28, 2006.

William Force, who taught courses in English, speech, and theater at the university from 1959 until his retirement in 1981, died February 26, 2006.

Matthew Sapienza, a Marketing major from Derry, Pa., died March 24, 2006.

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By Bob Fulton



Cindy Martin

# COACHES MAKE THEIR MARK

PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEITH BOYER

One arrived on campus at the start of the 2005-06 basketball season, the other departed at the close. But while steering their teams to identical 19-9 records, coaches Gary Edwards and Cindy Martin wound up in the same place—the IUP record book.



Edwards, who exited after posting a 206-88 record in ten superlative seasons—he accepted a position at Division II Francis Marion University (S.C.) in April—eclipsed 1930 graduate Regis “Peck” McKnight as the winningest coach in the school’s basketball history. Edwards passed McKnight when the Indians demolished Lock Haven 97-70 on February 6.

“I’m proud of that, because there have been some great coaches that have come through here,” said Edwards, who also established a school record for career winning percentage (.701). “It wouldn’t have happened without great players and great assistant coaches. Whenever you achieve something like this, that’s who you have to credit, because they’re the ones doing the heavy lifting.”

Martin joined Edwards in the record book five days later when her team dispatched Shippensburg, 80-71. She surpassed Carolyn Thompson, who arrived at IUP in 1981, as the winningest rookie coach in the history of the women’s program.

“That’s not just for me—that’s a team and a staff record,” said Martin, whose only previous experience running a team was as a junior varsity coach at P.K. Yonge High in her native Florida. “I was lucky to have a great group that jelled. Everyone rose to the challenge.”

Her Indians could just as easily have crumbled like a chunk of feta, relying as they did on six freshmen to share much of the workload. Instead they finished second in the PSAC West (8-4) and cobbled together a ten-game winning streak, highlighted by a 54-49 victory at fifth-ranked Charleston (31-3), an eventual NCAA tournament quarterfinalist.

“At the beginning of the year we were picked fifth in the conference on our side,” Martin said. “I thought we were going to surprise some people. We lost a few more than I would’ve liked, but at the same time, to be 19-9 with a team full of underclassmen, I’m actually very satisfied.”

So was Edwards, who sat out the first five games while the university conducted an investigation into scholarship improprieties. His team went 9-2 down the stretch to qualify for a PSAC playoff berth, extending IUP’s run of postseason appearances to thirteen in the last fourteen years. Were it not for two overtime losses to West champion Shippensburg, the Indians might have matched the second-place finish of the women.

“We had a good year, but I think it could have been better,” Edwards said. “We were so close, particularly in our three Shippensburg games, the one Edinboro game [an 80-79 loss], and

the Kutztown game [a 71-69 setback]. It was a good season, but we almost made it a great one.”

Eddie Peterson led the way. The senior guard earned first-team All-PSAC West and Daktronics All-East honors, led the PSAC and ranked eleventh nationally in scoring (22.1 points per game), set a school record for career steals (259), and finished second all-time in points (1,621) and assists (425).

Two other seniors—forward Lawrence Baker and guard Marc Williams—also figured prominently in IUP’s success. Baker joined Peterson on the All-PSAC West first team and earned second-team all-region honors. He led the Indians in rebounding (7.9) and averaged 20.7 points per game, giving IUP a pair of twenty-point scorers for the first time since 1964, when Mel Hankinson and Jack Benhart were drilling jumpers at old Waller Gym. Williams, who shrugged off back problems to make the All-PSAC West second team, ranked second in the conference in assists (4.5) and dished out fourteen against Mansfield to equal Mont Mattocks’ thirty-eight-year-old school record.

While Edwards relied on seasoned veterans, Martin cast her lot with a nucleus of newcomers. Five freshmen were part of her regular ten-player rotation and started a combined forty-seven games. Jahzinga Tracey spearheaded IUP’s youth movement: The guard-forward from Iowa earned PSAC West Rookie of the Year honors and landed a berth on the All-PSAC West second team after leading the Indians in scoring (9.8), rebounding (6.8), steals (2.6), and field goal percentage (.502).

All told, Martin’s freshmen accounted for forty-eight percent of the team’s points, forty-six percent of the rebounds, and fifty-four percent of the steals. They didn’t play like rookies because they weren’t treated like rookies.

“We told them they didn’t have time to be freshmen,” Martin said. “They could have easily settled to have just an ordinary freshman year and sit on the bench and kind of be a role player. But they refused to accept that. We challenged them, and they stepped up to the challenge.”

Both IUP teams, against daunting odds—the women overcame inexperience, the men a 1-3 start in conference play—advanced to the PSAC tournament. The end came for each in the first round, Shippensburg denying Edwards his sixth twenty-win season at IUP, Edinboro denying Martin’s women only the third twenty-win season in the program’s history.

But by then, the two coaches—one a recent arrival, the other soon to depart—had made their mark on IUP basketball. In the record book. 🏀

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Joe Lombardi, right, with President Tony Atwater at Lombardi's first IUP press conference

Photography by Keith Boyer

# WELCOME BACK



JOE LOMBARDI left behind the glitz and glamour of big-time basketball, the overflow throngs at Madison Square Garden, the national television appearances, for a return to Division II.

Call him crazy, if you like. After all, he is crazy—about his new job.

Lombardi, an assistant to Jamie Dixon at the University of Pittsburgh the past three seasons, was introduced in April as the head coach at IUP, where glitz and glamour are about as abundant as seven-foot centers. Not that he minds.

"I wouldn't have left Pitt for just any job in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. This is the only job I was interested in leaving Pitt for," said Lombardi, who met his wife—the former Janet Servinsky, a 1985 graduate—at IUP while serving under head coach Tom Beck for three seasons (1984-87). "I believe in this institution, I believe in this community, and I believe great things can happen here."

Lombardi arrived armed with nineteen seasons of Division I experience. Since leaving IUP he has worked as an assistant at St. Francis, St. Bonaventure, La Salle, and Pitt. The Panthers forged a 76-22 record during his three years on Dixon's staff, won the Big East Conference regular-season title in 2004, and made three NCAA tournament appearances.

But the lure of becoming a head coach for the first time—albeit at a school that receives a fraction of the national exposure Pitt does—proved impossible to resist.

"This is a great opportunity for me to do what I want to do. I just want to coach," Lombardi said. "I don't need 15,000 people in the

stands. Am I going to miss the Garden when March comes around? Sure. I'll miss playing the Big East championship games there, which we did two out of the past three years. I'll miss playing the UConns and the Villanovas when they're No. 1 and No. 2 in the country. I'll miss the challenges that we faced in the Big East year in and year out. But I'll never have any regrets about coming to IUP, because my passion has always been to work with young men who want to be successful on and off the court and who want to win championships."

Just don't count on any of those in 2007. The Indians lost last season's top four scorers to graduation, senior forward Avery Oliver is recovering from knee surgery, and several other veterans were possible academic casualties as *IUP Magazine* went to press. What's more, Lombardi fell behind on the recruiting trail because he was hired at such a late date.

All things considered, the odds of matching last season's win total (19) are about as long as Methuselah's beard.

"Let's not think the beat's just going to go on," Lombardi said. "This is a rebuilding year. I'm looking at this as a long-term process to build a program and not just put a team together. I feel optimistic that we'll be competitive next year in the conference and that over the next couple of years we can reestablish ourselves as one of the elite programs in Division II basketball."

Lombardi emphasizes he's a construction worker, not a miracle worker. Building a program will take time. But ultimately, he sees no reason why the Indians can't one day challenge for national supremacy, just like the Pitt Panthers.

Only without the glitz and glamour. **By Bob Fulton**



# THE ALL-AMERICAN CANADIAN

Luci Plaxton couldn't answer a simple question—What's an All-American?—when she first left Canada for IUP.

Now, she can—without even moving her lips. A glance in the mirror will suffice.

The senior from Toronto finished second in the 100-yard freestyle at the NCAA Division II swimming meet to cap her collection of All-America certificates at fifteen, the second-highest total in school history—in any sport.

"I didn't even know what an All-American was when I got here," said Plaxton, who also placed sixth in the 50 free and seventh in the 100 backstroke at the NCAA meet in Indianapolis. "I just hoped to swim well and get an education."

What she nearly got was a national championship. Plaxton finished second to Mariana de Oliveira of Drury (Mo.) in the 100 free by the onion skin-thin margin of .21 seconds, touching the wall in a school-record 50.79.

"I was upset right after, because it was my last race, my last nationals," she said. "To come in second by so little, it hurt a little bit. But then I realized that second in the country's pretty good. I can't complain about that, I guess."

Plaxton's runner-up finish mirrors her standing on IUP's all-time honor roll. Only swimmer Tawney Nardozza (1991-95) earned more All-America certificates (19). Consider it compelling evidence—along with her six Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference titles—that Plaxton invariably came up big in big races.

"She's very confident in her ability," said Emily Ryan, who took over as acting coach at midseason. "What takes away from a lot of other swimmers is their insecurities, especially when they get to the bigger-level meets, but Luci fits right



Keith Boyer



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in. In her head, that's where she's supposed to be. She's so confident and so mentally tough. You can never count her out."

Especially at nationals. Plaxton earned first-team All-America honors by finishing in the top eight on eleven occasions. She placed ninth through sixteenth and was recognized as an honorable mention All-American four times. And on three occasions Plaxton finished second in an event, falling just short of becoming IUP's first national swimming champion since 1979, when Dan Deacon won the 200 backstroke. In two of those runner-up performances, she was touched out by the width of this page.

"It sucks to come in second by such a small margin, but in swimming that's how it is," said

Plaxton, who will earn a Communications Media degree in August. "There's always regrets that you didn't win, but you've got to walk away happy. And I am, because I did leave it all in the pool. I gave it my best."

Plaxton will continue her pool work even after her schoolwork is complete. She'll keep swimming with an eye toward representing Canada at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

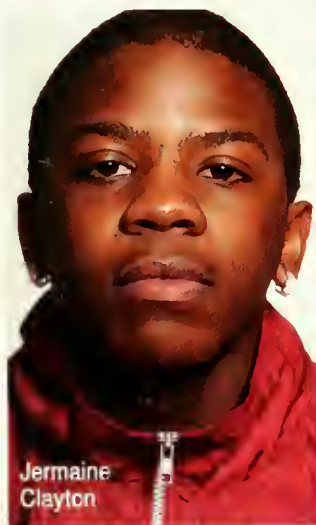
When Plaxton arrived at IUP, she couldn't have dreamed of becoming an Olympian—or an All-American, for that matter. After all, the term was, well, foreign to her. But not only did the sprinter from Toronto ultimately learn the definition of All-American, she learned what it felt like to be one.

Fifteen times over. **By Bob Fulton**

# Name Droppers

BY BOB FULTON

**J**ermaine Clayton's legs betrayed him in the past. But at this year's Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference track meet, they carried him past the competition and to the top of the medals stand. Clayton won three events, set two school records, and earned Field Athlete of the Meet and Most Outstanding Overall Performer honors in a spectacular two-day performance at California. "This whole year he's had the kind of the success I thought he would've had most of his career had he not been injured," said track coach **Brian Spickler**. "He had great success as a freshman—he won the 100 at the state meet—but his next two years he had nagging hamstring injuries. He couldn't stay healthy. But he stuck with it." Clayton's perseverance paid off at Cal. He shattered **Mario Hardison's** ten-year-old school record while winning the 100 in 10.5 seconds—the third-fastest time in meet history—eclipsed his own standard in the triple jump (48-7 ¼), and took the long jump with a leap of 23-7 ¼. "I don't think we've ever had a [male] three-time winner in individual events," Spickler said. "He had great marks, too. It was definitely an outstanding performance." Especially considering Clayton also ran legs on the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams that finished fifth and sixth, respectively, boosting his medal haul to five. The Derry High graduate was hoping to add to his collection at the NCAA Division II meet in Emporia, Kan., which took place after *IUP Magazine* went to press.



Keith Boyer

Spickler's team celebrated five other PSAC championships this year. Senior **Lahnor Ridley** won the long jump (18-2 ¾) and triple jump (38-2 ¼) and placed fourth in the high jump to earn Field Athlete of the Year honors at the PSAC indoor meet in East Stroudsburg. In addition, sophomore **Sean Strauman** repeated as the conference 800 champion both indoors and outdoors, and junior **Casie Williams** won the PSAC outdoor title in the high jump.

Swimmer **Pawel Glowiak**, a freshman from Poland, was voted the PSAC Rookie of the Year after a sensational debut season. He earned Division II All-America honors by finishing eighth at nationals in the 100 backstroke while lowering the school record to 50.72 seconds. Glowiak was recognized as an honorable mention All-America in the 200 backstroke, where he placed fifteenth.

Senior pitcher **Jodie Swavelly** earned first-team All-PSAC West honors after a record-set-

ting season—and career. Swavelly went 14-12 with a 1.90 earned run average, nine shutouts, two no-hitters, and four one-hitters while also leading IUP at the plate in most categories, including batting average (.372), home runs (9, a record), RBIs (29), and slugging percentage (.761). She equaled the school standard for career victories (62) set by **Julie Giacomini** (1997-2000), eclipsed Giacomini's strikeout mark with 643, and finished second all-time in home runs with twenty-six, two behind senior **Sarah White**, her batterymate. White, junior center fielder **Becky Lewis**, junior third baseman **Hilary Tutrani**, and freshman right fielder **Alex Daughenbaugh** were named to the All-PSAC West second team.

Freshman left fielder-designated hitter **Aaron Albert** earned All-PSAC West first-team honors as a DH after banging out sixty-eight hits and batting .447 to break single-season school records set by **Steve Murray** in 1998. Albert also led the Indians in runs (24), doubles (13), slugging percentage (.559), and on-base percentage (.514) and tied sophomore right fielder **Brett Krizanik** for the team lead in RBIs (20).

**Sam Kelly** stepped down as general manager of the IUP club hockey program and head coach of the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II team after relocating to Philadelphia. His Division II team finished 19-9-2 this year and placed sixth at nationals; the other two men's teams and the fledgling women's squad were a combined 30-18-2. In

seventeen sterling seasons as GM, Kelly's teams posted a collective record of 419-245-53 and made ten national tournament appearances, highlighted by a third-place finish at the ACHA tourney in 2005. "He's just been the rock of IUP hockey," said **Derek Conner '94**, a former player and assistant coach who assumed GM duties. "He laid the foundation and has continuously grown the program. His stability, his involvement, his passion have really made IUP hockey what it is today." Former IUP player and assistant coach **Dan Hestin '97** succeeded Kelly as the program's Division II head coach.

Running back **Mike Jemison '05** and linebacker **Kris Griffin '05** reunited as teammates, this time some 4,400 miles from campus, in Germany. The former first-team PSAC all-stars spent the spring playing for the Hamburg Sea Devils, one of six teams in NFL Europe. Jemison, who is property of the Pittsburgh Steelers, ranked seventh in the league in rushing, despite missing four games with a rib injury. Griffin was allocated to NFL Europe by the Kansas City Chiefs.

**Dan Radakovich '80**, who played tight end and later served as a student football coach at IUP, has been named athletic director at Georgia Tech. Radakovich served as senior associate athletic director at Louisiana State the previous five years. He has also worked in athletics at South Carolina, Miami, American, and Long Beach State.

**Chris Villa** was appointed



head men's and women's swimming coach in May. Villa served as an assistant at the U.S. Naval Academy the past three years. He was previously head women's coach at Juniata.

Pitt-Johnstown basketball coach **Bob Rukavina '85** led the Mountain Cats to a 21-6 record in his seventeenth season while becoming the winningest coach in the program's history (259-195). Rukavina was named Co-Coach of the Year by the Independents Collegiate Athletic Association, sharing the honor with Scott Mossman

of Grand Canyon.

The American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance/Aquatic Council presented **Bob Ogoreuc '89** with one of its five National Honor Awards. The recipients were recognized for outstanding or innovative contributions to the field of aquatics. Ogoreuc, an assistant professor in the Physical Education department at Slippery Rock University and the school's aquatics director, was a stand-out swimmer at IUP.

Freshman **Cory Stelick** fired a

three-round score of 230 at the Speidel Jones Golf Course in Wheeling, W.Va., to tie for ninth place at the NCAA Division II East Region tournament and earn all-region honors. Senior **Dan Vollmer** was next in line for IUP, placing twenty-second with a 237. The Indians finished seventh in the team standings.

**Mike Taylor '95** celebrated his fifth year of coaching professional basketball in Europe by leading the German team ratiopharm Ulm to the 2.Bundesliga South title, which earned his

squad promotion to the top-level Bundesliga for next season. Ulm mayor Ivo Gonner led a packed house at the Sportszentrum Kuhlberg in cheers as ratiopharm beat 1FC Kaiserslautern 91-83 to finish 29-1, matching the best record in league history. "This season was a dream come true for our team, for our city, and for me," Taylor said. "People in our organization have worked together for years to make it happen, and earning the *Aufstieg* together was so sweet. This year's ratiopharm Ulm team will always be special to me." 🐾

## IUP Across the Tracks



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listeners, asked him to prove it.

He was named director of a national program and initially funded and directed three groups that worked on the problem: Picatinny, the National Magnet Laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. "All three were successful," Fair said. From their work came a proposal to pursue seriously the first electromagnetic railgun through a team led by Ian McNab at Westinghouse in Pittsburgh.

Railguns can accelerate projectiles at velocities far beyond those attainable by chemical powder propellants. In 1981, Fair joined the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), which, with the Army, was instrumental in building big demonstration projects in connection with the railgun. But a speech made by President Ronald Reagan in March, 1983, in which he called for a defense strategy against Soviet long-range ballistic missiles armed with nuclear warheads, pushed the research forward even faster.

The federal government began looking at all sorts of technology, Fair said, from defensive missiles to electromagnetic railguns. DARPA loaned him to the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization under General James Abrahamson to lay the foundation for the "star wars" effort. Fair later also worked with the Defense Science Board, examining "East-West capabilities in armor/anti-armor, the details of which are still classified," he said. He headed a joint program office that incorporat-

ed DARPA, the Army, and the Marine Corps.

By 1987, Fair said he "had three sons to educate and was living in Washington, D.C., on a small salary." He decided to leave the government and start his own company. But the late Texas Congressman Jake Pickle persuaded him to "come to Texas and create his [Pickle's] national 'laboratory' at the University of Texas."

Fair arrived in Texas in August, 1987. What would eventually become a federally funded research and development center began with Fair, a secretary, and a home computer. In 1989, the Institute for Advanced Technology was created by the University of Texas at Austin, and in 1990, it gained Army and Congressional sponsorship. Today, according to Fair, the institute "has grown and is housed in a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility" in North Austin, near the J. J. Pickle Research Campus.

Thanks to his long experience with the Army and with federal research, Fair could identify "the best people and the best equipment" for the IAT. "I knew all the players," he said. "I could cherry-pick the best and the brightest."

Among the cherries he has picked are Ian McNab, who deals with electromagnetic systems, and Stephan Bless, who specializes in hypervelocity physics. According to Fair, Paul Funk, a retired three-star general who commanded the Third Armored Division in Operation Desert Storm, "has expanded the education division substantially," and Steven

Kornthuth's area "studied chemical and biological countermeasures long before 9-11." Robert Fossom, former DARPA director, heads the brand-new fMRI Imaging Center, which houses a powerful 3 Tesla functional magnetic resonance imaging brain scanning machine, other imaging technologies, laboratories, classrooms, and offices.

Each year, Fair said, the Army's top twelve lieutenant colonels come to the IAT's educational division. Most generals rotate to and from Baghdad through Fort Hood, about an hour away. The institute has about 150 research scientists and about thirty-five students (from universities ranging from Rice to Stanford, Fair said) at a given time. Only top students are considered for employment (two recent hires had scores of 1580 on the SAT).

Fair himself now has a daughter—in addition to the three sons—and seven grandsons. Two sons live outside Washington, one lives near Anchorage, Alaska, and his daughter is a student at the University of Texas. Two of his sisters still live in the vicinity of Indiana, Pa.

Much about the campus and town Fair left behind has changed. His childhood home on College Avenue was torn down and is now the site of the Hadley Union Building. The railroad tracks he crossed each day are gone, and Keith Hall has been a college classroom building for more than three decades.

But, Fair remembers, "Keith School was awesome. And, Dan Reiber made an incredible difference in my life." In other words, it all began here. 🐾

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